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The Saint Simons Island native works for Scojet, Inc. in Brunswick.
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BRUNSWICK, Ga. – Georgia Southern women's golfer [Julianna Collett](#) has always had a curiosity about how things worked and drawn a sense of satisfaction from making something from scratch.

Ranked as high as seventh on the links in the state of Georgia coming out of high school, Collett sought to pursue that interest as well as play college golf when she chose to come to Georgia Southern in 2016.

"I've always been interested in how things work and building things from scratch, but I was drawn to the manufacturing program because it was a lot of hands-on learning and lab-based learning, which I really like a lot," she says. "There is a wide variety of applications you can use that degree for so that really drew me to it as well."

Collett was planning on playing the full 2020-21 season for the Eagles while finishing her degree and getting a minor in computer science. When she realized she would have enough credits to graduate last fall, she began to look at job opportunities and applied for a position at Scojet, Inc. in Brunswick, near her hometown of Saint Simons Island.

Scojet is a product design, precision machining and international manufacturing company that provides manufacturing solutions to entrepreneurs through large Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM). The company began in 2001 as a product design business and has US machining operations, aerospace machining operations and recently opened Ningbo Scojet Import Export Company in Ninghai, China.

Collett had an internship lined up at Gulfstream for last summer, but it was canceled because of COVID so when she was offered the position at Scojet, she made the tough decision to strike while the iron is hot.

"It was definitely a blessing for me, because it's kind of a crazy job market right now with COVID, especially in some areas of manufacturing," she says. "With everything going on and coming straight out of school, it was just an opportunity I couldn't pass up."

Collett excelled academically at Georgia Southern, and was named to the Sun Belt Conference Commissioner's List (3.5 grade point average or higher) four consecutive years. She was also named a Women's Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar in 2018 and 2019.

Though a nagging shoulder injury hampered her collegiate golf career, she placed in the top-20 four times with her best finish coming in the 2019 Sun Belt Championship, when she fired a first-round 70 on her way to a T14 finish.

Collett credits her engineering classes at Georgia Southern as well as her experience as a student-athlete in preparing her for her new career. She said the seminars offered through the APEX Program (Athletes Preparing for Employment Experiences) helped her with resume writing and interviewing.

"Being a student-athlete and juggling classes and athletics helped me a lot with time management skills, which is a big factor in my job with engineering," she says. "The job is pretty specific to what I was doing in my classes. My entire time at Georgia Southern prepared me for this."

Though Collett's competitive golf career has come to an end, she will always remain close to the game.

"I have to keep my skills up, but it's more for networking now," she says with a laugh. "The clubs don't come out quite as much as they used to, but they'll still come out."